

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review of the present application and for indicating claim language which is not disclosed by the prior art of record (Office Action, p. 7). As attached herewith, independent claim 7 has been amended, to recite the claim language noted by the Examiner, namely that a coolant flow discharge channel is formed within a portion of the support structure so as to direct the coolant flow from the internal space under the sealing element to the cooling gaps. Independent claims 15 and 20 were similarly amended, and claims 14, 19 and 24 were cancelled, for consistency with these amendments. Support for this amendment may be found on page 10, line 31 – page 11, line 3 of the Substitute Specification, for example. Indeed, no new matter is presented by these amendments. In accordance with the Examiner's contention, amended independent claims 7, 15 and 20 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is also submitted that all of their dependent claims, that recite yet further distinguishing features, are also patentable. These dependent claims require no further discussion herein.

The Examiner rejected claims 14, 19 and 24 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. However, as discussed above, claims 14, 19 and 24 have been cancelled. Thus, the basis of these rejections is moot and accordingly, these rejections should be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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